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AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

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FOL MSG RECD FM AMCONSUL BELEM SENT ACTION BRASILIA,
RECIFE, SALVADOR, PORTO ALEGRE, RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO
PAULO, NOW BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AT BELEM

1. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VARIG'S TWICE WEEKLY FLIGHT TO MIAMI,
ALL INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM BELEM WERE CANCELLED
AS OF JULY 1. PREVIOUSLY THE MAJORITY OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC
FROM BELEM WAS CARRIED BY CRUZEIRO DO SUL FLIGHTS TO PARAMARIBO.
AND CAYENNE. CRUZEIRO'S FLIGHTS CONNECTED WITH AIR FRANCE IN
CAYENNE AND KLM IN PARAMARIBO FOR ONWARD FLIGHTS TO EUROPE, THE
ONLY REMAINING AIR ROUTES FROM BELEM TO PARAMARIBO AND CAYENNE ARE
THROUGH RIO DE JANEIRO OR THROUGH MANAUS AND BOGOTA. FLIGHTS TO
FRANCE AND HOLLAND ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH MIAMI, RECIFE,
OR RIO DE JANEIRO. CANCELLATION OF THE CRUZEIRO FLIGHTS HAS
DOUBLED BOTH COST OF PASSAGE AND TRAVEL TIME IN MANY CASES.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT VARIG, WHICH NOW CONTROLS CRUZEIRO
DO SUL, CANCELLED CRUZEIRO'S FLIGHTS IN ORDER TO END ACCESS OF
TRAVELLERS LEAVING BRAZIL TO DOMESTIC FRENCH AND DUTCH FLIGHTS TO
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EUROPE. AIR FRANCE'S CAYENNE-PARIS FLIGHT AND KLM'S PARAMARIBO-

AMSTERDAM FLIGHT ARE CONSIDERED "DOMESTIC" RATHER THAN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND ARE SUBSTANTIALLY CHEAPER THAN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN EUROPE FLIGHTS. THERE IS NOW SPECULATION LOCALLY THAT CRUZEIRO'S FLIGHTS FROM MANAUS TO COLOMBIA, PERU AND BOLIVIA MAY ALSO BE CANCELLED SOON.

3. ALL TRAVELLERS PLANNING TO DEPART BRAZIL THROUGH BELEM SHOULD BOOK AND CONFIRM THEIR PASSAGE WELL IN ADVANCE AS INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES FROM BELEM ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT, INFREQUENT, AND UNCERTAIN. OVERBOOKING OF FLIGHTS IS NOT UNKNOWN. JACOBINI
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